

WISTARIA WEEKEND SPECIAL

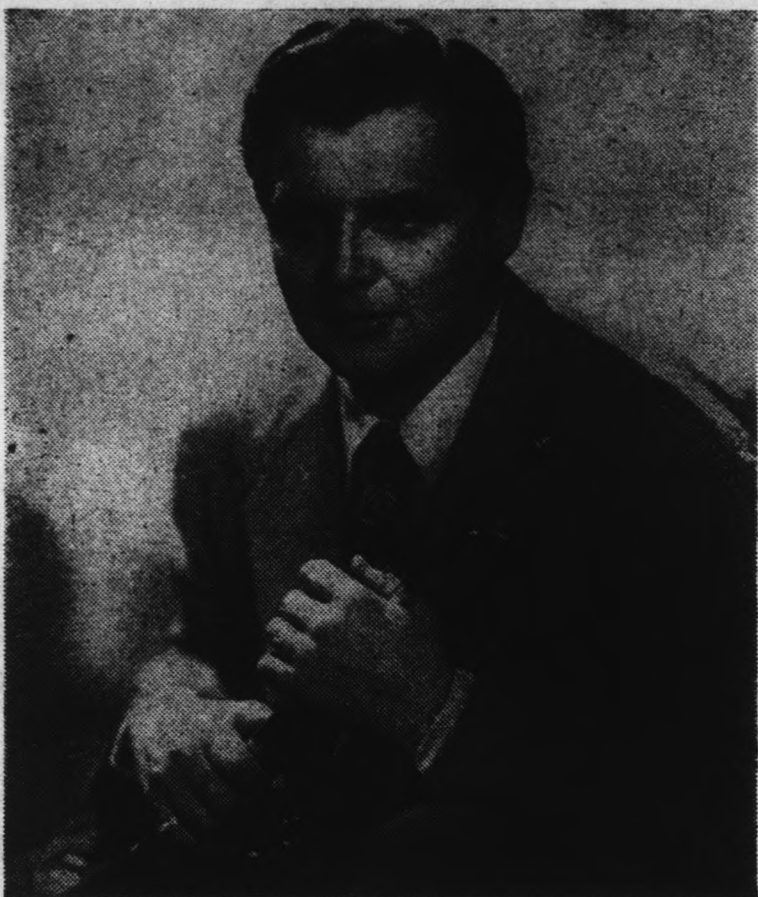
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MAESTRO Les Elgart, his trumpet and his orchestra will be one of the two orchestras providing music at the Wistaria Ball, to be held May 2 at the Ritz Ballroom. Elgart, nationally famous for playing at college proms, has completed engagements at Rutgers, Columbia and St. John's and is interrupting a tour of Southern college engagements to appear at UB.

Six Events Set for W'end; Queen Nominations End Today

By CHARLES SMITH

Final plans have been set for the Annual Wistaria weekend to be held May 2, 3, 4. The three days of activities include the Ball, an All-University Picnic, a Block Party, an Art Fair, the Wistaria Pageant, and an Open House at most University buildings.

Friday night's affair, the Wistaria Ball, features two renowned orchestras, entertainment by one of New York's outstanding young comedians and the presentation of the 1952 Wistaria Queen.

An All-University Picnic will be held Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 at 90 Acres Park. The picnic will feature an all-star softball game at 3:00 P. M., pitting the Fraternity All-Stars against an all-time alumni team. Soda and frankfurters will be available for "home cooking."

Saturday night's activity will be an outdoor block party located near the Seaside Park bathing pavilion on Barnum Blvd. There will be music and refreshments. The third activity slated for Saturday is the Second Annual Art Fair, held from 12 noon to 6:00 P. M. on the lawn at Fairfield Hall. The Fair, presented by the Art Department will feature work of local artists and craftsmen.

The Wistaria Pageant will be held Sunday at 2:30 P. M. and is presented by the Office of Campus Productions. During the Pageant, the 1952 Wistaria Queen will be crowned. The show will be followed with open houses at most University buildings.

Nominations for the Wistaria Queen close tonight. All nomination blanks and photos must be presented, in person, at Cortright Hall at 5 P. M. The Queen and her court will be chosen after interviews with an impartial panel of judges on the basis of personal charm, poise and attractiveness.

The panel is composed of Mr. John Huston, president of the Advertising Club of Bridgeport, Mr. George Quant, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Ben Stahl, noted illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post, Esquire, and other magazines.

In charge of the Ball and the picnic is the Social Activities Committee headed by Charles Smith, Chairman; Ronnie Brandberg, Sharon Bramson, Elaine Garber, Dutch Hardie, Tedi Gold, Al Lepow, Dot Marks, Richard Marks, Sandra Nalib, John Smith, Ben Snow, Connie Marino, Harriet Snyder, Irmie Thropp, Marv Walter, Viki Villinski and Bob C. Levine. John Levine, president of the Inter Hall Committee is arranging the block party and Mr. Albert Dickason is producing and directing the Pageant.

Two Top Bands to be Featured At 4th Wistaria Ball, May 2

By JOHN M. SMITH

Les Elgart, the young man with a horn, will bring his musical aggregation to UB to co-star with the South American Sweetheart, Stella Lopez. Both bands will be at the Ritz Ballroom on Friday evening, May 2, to play at the Wistaria Ball — the kick off eve of the most famous weekend in UB history.

President's Message

Greetings and salutations to all members of The University of Bridgeport community and to all our guests and friends who will visit the campus during this Wistaria weekend!

This is the time of year which restores one's faith, renews one's beliefs, and inspires one's hopes. Spring is beautiful and thrilling everywhere, but it always seems to have a special significance on a college campus. Perhaps this is so because all education is based on faith, belief, and hope. Thus, it is appropriate for us to pause each year at this time and pay homage through our Wistaria activities to all that is good and beautiful and everlasting.

On behalf of all of us in the

University family, I want to say a sincere and enthusiastic word of commendation for all those faculty and staff members and students who have responsibilities for the many interesting and enjoyable activities and events of this Wistaria weekend.

I hope everyone has a most enjoyable and happy time during this weekend, and that all of us can return to our regular responsibilities on Monday with new determination to work harder in our endeavors to attain the noble aims and objectives of everything for which a college education stands.

Cordially and sincerely,

JAMES H. HALSEY,
PRESIDENT

The trumpeters' trumpeter has stressed ballads ever since he formed his own band. His brilliant solos have always been in the mellow groove and his star arranger, Bill Finnegan, has been turning out rich, smooth arrangements ever since the start.

"Everywhere we play," says the New Haven born Les, "we get an applause reaction when we play a well known ballad in a recognizable way. The old tunes to ten and to twenty years ago actually get a big hand the instant we play them, sure proof that the peacefulness of melodic music is what the dancers want today."

Finnegan arrangements first achieved wide fame when he did some of Glenn Miller's work. Such arrangements as "Little Brown Jug," "Volga Boatman" and "Moonlight Sonata" were all great hits.

Elgart, during the war, played with Artie Shaw's Navy Band and when discharged, joined with his brother Larry (a top notch sax man) to form the band. Since 1946, Les and his brother became the first such band to "click" since the Dorsey brothers started their triumphant rise to fame.

Engagements at the New Yorker Hotel, Glen Island Casino, and Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook have won a host of fans for the youthful Elgart. His phenomenal rise to the top bracket of bands has been due to his left-handed trumpet playing and his good looks.

Entertainment at the Ball will star Jack Wakefield, versatile comedian and song stylist. Wakefield has starred on several Sid Caesar TV Show of Shows. See page two for a picture of the laff master.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2:

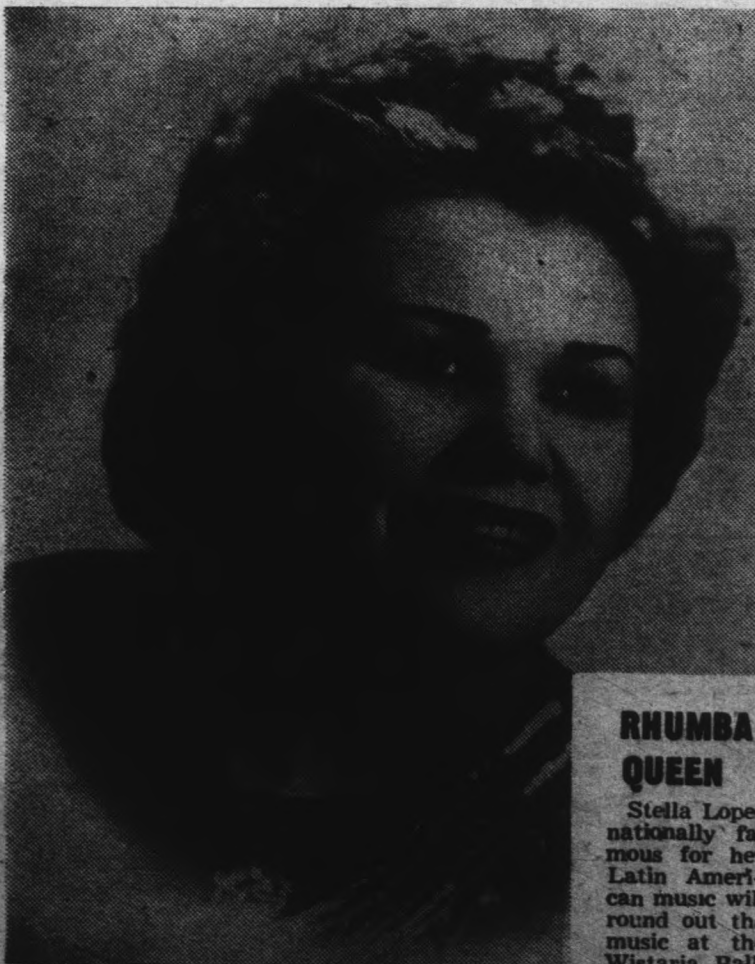
WISTARIA BALL
Ritz Ballroom
9:00 to 1:00

SATURDAY, MAY 3:

ALL — UNIVERSITY PICNIC
Ninety Acres Park
1:30 to 5:30
ANNUAL ART FAIR
Fairfield Hall Lawn
Noon to 6:00 P. M.
BLOCK PARTY
Seaside Park Bathing Pavilion
Dancing — 8:30 to 12:30

SUNDAY, MAY 4:

WISTARIA PAGEANT
Marina Circle — 2:30 P. M.
OPEN HOUSE
after the Pageant
most University buildings



RHUMBA QUEEN

Stella Lopez nationally famous for her Latin American music will round out the music at the Wistaria Ball.

Pageant May 4; Silver Jubilee Will Be Theme

By DOM SALINARO

The Office of Campus Productions will present its annual Wistaria Pageant on Marina Circle, Sunday, May 4.

This event, which climaxes the traditional Wistaria week-end, is a gaily spirited and entertaining show, full of color and pageantry in true OCP style.

This year, the theme of the pageant will be built around the cavalcade of the University's 25th anniversary and will have as its grand finale an eye filling spectacle — the Silver Jubilee. Each year at the pageant, the Wistaria Queen is crowned with all the pomp and ceremony of a regal coronation. She is the girl nominated by the student body to reign over the weekend's festivities and to hold the official title of "Queen of the UB Campus" for a year.

As an added feature this year, the Queen's court will be further enhanced by the presence of the five Wistaria Queens of the past, who have been invited to attend the festival in a command performance.

In connection with the University's 25th anniversary, every club and organization on the campus has been asked to take part in the Silver Jubilee parade. This is an excellent opportunity for each organization to take part in the pageant and give a fine showing by means of floats, costumes, and unusual, original ideas. Every group is being urged to take advantage of this opportunity by forming committees to insure their participation in the Silver Jubilee parade.

Students may invite their parents and friends to attend the Wistaria Pageant and to take a tour of our campus. Buildings and classrooms will be open for inspection, and plans are being made by the various departments to have examples of their work on display for public inspection and appreciation.

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TV and nite club comedian Jack Wakefield will be another star at the UB Wistaria Ball on May 2.

Jack Wakefield Will Entertain at Prom

By JOHN M. SMITH

Young, nimble-witted Jack Wakefield, direct from the Prince George Hotel in Toronto, will augment the already star studded entertainment list at the Wistaria Ball, Friday night May 4.

Jack has been guest starred several times on Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca's "Show of Shows" on TV and has been mentioned as one of New York's most outstanding young comedians.

Wakefield has been making the circuit with Johnny Ray, appearing in a series of night club engagements.

The comedian is noted for his wardrobe of plaid jackets and "Bob" bow ties.

Jack, a singer as well as a top notch comedian has made recent appearances at the Town Casino, the Old Roumainian, Chubby's and Buffado's en-route from top billing appearances in Canada.

WISTARIA BUDS

By John M. Smith

Well at last the secret is out and they are here from the North and the South. From the North comes Les Elgart and his singing trumpet and from the South is Senorita Stella Gonzales Rodriguez Pedricina (is this a name or a story) Lopez. Just came back from a South American Tour, I hear... for those of who are getting old and have "Rhumba Joints" the morning after, drop in and see Tony Iannone for a good rubdown.

The Ball, the Party on the Bathing Pavilion and the Wistaria Pageant will be the perfect setting for annual proposals from guys to their queens. Seen around campus: Elaine, last year's queen keeping the local boys on edge. Is there someone else back home? huh?

The Jack Kellys are looking for a future Wistaria Queen shortly... Predicting an overflow crowd at the Sunday shindig on Marina Circle.

Overheard in the Snack Bar:
He: I'd like to take you to the Wistaria Ball.
She: Oh, I'm thrilled, this is my first date in two years.

He: I lost my Student Activities book and I can't afford another one.

Well, anyway, I thought it was pretty good... DID YOU KNOW THAT: Elgart is one of the most handsome musicians in Tin Pan Alley? ... is the only southpaw trumpeter in the business? ... was once offered a movie contract and turned it down to team with his brother to form a band? ... (for girls only) he is single and is looking.

Seniors planning to graduate in

June must check with the Bookstore immediately to be measured for their caps and gowns.

Our research expert, Beth, tells me that the Wistaria flower was originally an inhabitant of the Far East... the Art show will be something worth seeing... CHAZZ Smith has just petitioned HST to extend the day to forty eight hours instead of the traditional twenty four so he will have enough time to attend all his scheduled meetings and dates... Prudence and Winston playing Hopalong Cassidy regularly... So long have a good Weekend.

Ticket Info

Tickets for the Wistaria Ball will go on sale at the University bookstore on Monday. They will be available during bookstore hours through April 28.

Full time day students may pick up their tickets on presentation of Student Activity Ticket number 28. W. S. T. P. students may pick up their tickets on presentation of the required form from M. S. A. supervisor's office. Members of the faculty and staff may pick up their bids on proof of employment. All part time students and guests will be charged \$1.50 per ticket.

A ticket admits one couple. No one will be admitted at the door without a ticket. Admission to all other events, other than the Pageant, require no tickets.



1951 WISTARIA QUEEN

Elaine Garber, who will turn over her Scepter of reign at the Wistaria Ball. The new Queen will be crowned at the Pageant.

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Kappa Beta Rho

PRESENTING

"EVENING IN PARIS"

The gang at the SEAWALL says —

GOOD LUCK TO

Alpha Gamma Phi

and their

Sword and Shield Dance

April 18

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April 25, 1952

Champ's Shore House